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Adoptions and Fostering

Adoptions are down this quarter, which could be due to being after the holidays and before tax returns. Yet, we have some new arrivals. They all have places to go, however we are in need of new foster homes all the time.

If you are aware of anyone interested in adopting or fostering a Border Collie, please let Karen know by emailing her at maeseck@cox.net.

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Omaha's New Dog Park

Omaha opened a new off-leash dog park at Hefflinger Park. The park is located at 111th Street and West Maple Road.

The Southwest Iowa Amateur Cycling Club and the Omaha Dog Park Advocates are joined forces to build the park. The dog park will be a 7 acre enclosed outdoor area designed for safe, off-leash play between canines of all sizes.

There is a separate enclosed area for dogs under 30 pounds and another larger area for dogs of all sizes.

Some of the park rules include: all dogs must be under voice control, all dogs using the park must have current certificate of vaccination against rabies, no aggressive dogs, no dogs in heat, no dogs under four months and no toys or treats are allowed in the park.

Make sure you bring plenty of water for your dog(s).

For more information on the park and its "Petiquette," visit

<http://www.omahadogpark.org/>

Spring Dog Classes

Puppy Class

Monday nights at 7 PM
Starts March 5th

6 week course in basic training for pups. Includes sit, down, leash walking, stay, leave, recall, socialization with other dogs and people, and advices on puppy behaviors.

www.nebraskaclubpet.com

Beginning Agility

Thursday nights at 7 PM
Starts March 8th

6 week course in basic agility obstacles. Handlers in this class will also learn simple handling skills.



Intermediate

Agility/Handling

Thursday nights at 8 PM
Starts March 8th

6 week course builds on what was taught in the beginners class. Students and their canine partners will work more with agility obstacles using different handling moves, work on more complicated sequences, and are larger sequences

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Featured Rescue: Adoption of the Month: Jerzy & Kali

Submitted by Lisa Zentz of Omaha, NE

When I lost my beloved Olive to epilepsy, I sent a note to NBCR and shortly afterwards received a call from Karen about Jerzy. He was a puppy mill rescue, would take some socialization, but they had high hopes - was I interested? I met him and fell in love instantly. Unexpectedly, Karen had also received three puppies that day (she was expecting two), so we took Kali as a foster. I'm sure Karen knew she'd never see Kali again, but I digress.

Shortly after bringing Jerzy home, I noticed he would stop playing and it seemed painful to get up. Sure enough, he was diagnosed with hip dysplasia and after two trips to KState he was good as new! Kali took over the top spot in the pack, two years ago when my Rottie, Bubbles passed, leaving just the two dogs. Last year, I introduced another female from rescue, but Kali was clear - she likes being one of only three girls in the

house, Grandma and I being the other two.

Kali and Jerzy who have been inseparable for the past four years, were joined this past fall by Gizmo, a rescued Boston Bull Terrier. Jerzy's recovering from ACL surgery and on "bed rest" for eight weeks, so Kali has gone solo teaching Gizzy how to be a "good dog", which she adds from under my desk, is a full time job! The pups peacefully co-habitat with a small group of bachelor cats, one ham of a potbelly pig and schools of fish in our new home in Omaha.



Jerzy is "such a doll baby!" They are my fuzzy little joy balls," says Zentz!

Past Events: Trivia Night

The Nebraska Border Collie Rescue and the Heartland Weimaraner Rescue joined together for the first ever Trivia Night.

Trivia Night was held at St. John Vianney at 5815 Oak Hills Drive in Millard on Saturday, February 10th, 2007.

The doors opened at 7 PM and the trivia started at 7:30 PM.



Tickets were \$18 per person or \$144 per table. The price included 10 rounds of trivia, beer, soda and snacks.

They also had a silent auction,

50/50 drawing and heads or tails. By the end of the night, the event raised more than \$800 for each rescue.

"It was a huge success," says Faith H.

The NBRC plans to do it again.

Thank you to all of the NBCR volunteers.

Upcoming Events: Nebraska Horse Expo 2007

March 9,10 &11th
Lancaster Event Center
4100 North 84th St. Lincoln, NE
Friday: 12-9pm, Sat: 9am-9pm;
Sun: 9am-5pm

Ticket Prices

Adults: \$8 each day or
\$20 for a 3 day pass (age 13 & over)
\$4 each day age 6 to 12
Children 5 & under are free
(with a paid adult)
Tickets available at the gate.
No advance sales.



The Nebraska Border Collie Rescue will attend and Karen has passes.

If you are considering bringing your dog(s), the NBCR asks that you only bring dogs that do not get stressed easily. Also, if you bring them, pay attention to them and put them away if they cannot behave.

The Nebraska Horse Expo brings together horse enthusiasts for three days of entertainment and information.

Come see many clinicians and speakers! Exhibitions taking place all day! Visit the vendor hall and see what's new in equine products!

The Outside Dog: Myth vs. Truth

Many people feel that dogs especially large breed dogs should be outdoor only. Although dogs enjoy being outdoors, they also need to spend time with the family. Dogs are pack animals and view their human family as pack members. To a pack animal the ultimate punishment is isolation from the pack.

Listed below are just some of the myths about outdoor dogs:

Myth - Growing up, we had outdoor only dogs and they were fine.

The Truth - In today's world, the family is very busy. Most parents no longer stay at home and children are distracted by school activities, computers, and video games, so they and rarely play outdoors. Dogs are left outside isolated while the family fits all their activities into a busy day.

Myth - My dog will not get enough exercise if I leave him inside.

The Truth - Contrary to popular belief, dogs do not usually exercise when left out alone. There can be several acres available to the dog, but he will spend most of his time waiting by the back door for you to let him in or for you to come out and play. By providing your dog with daily walks and playing fetch for at least 20 minutes with your dog, he will get more exercise than if left alone outdoors for 8 or more hours.

Myth - My dog will be safe if I leave him in the garage.

The Truth - In the garage, the dog is still isolated from the family. In addition, many tools and chemicals are kept in the garage that could harm or injure a dog.

Myth - I have to leave my dog outside because I am gone all day and he needs to eliminate.

The Truth - Leaving a dog outside where he can eliminate whenever he needs will hinder any housetraining that you may try to do. House training teaches a dog bladder and bowel control. If a dog never has to learn to wait to eliminate, he will not understand that he must wait in the house. If you are gone for 8 hours or more, the best solution is to take him to a dog day care.

If you must leave the dog outside, provide him with the following:

- An insulated shelter
- Shade on hot days
- Fresh water at all times. During the winter, use a heated bowl to keep the water from freezing.
- Interactive play time and walks on a daily basis.
- Busy toys



Dogs do not usually exercise when left out alone.

Myth - In the house, my dog destroys everything. If I leave him outside, he won't be bad.

The Truth - Dogs left outside become bored and come up with "jobs" to keep themselves occupied. Some of their jobs include digging, barking, chewing, and escaping. It is also unsafe for the dog. The dog could escape and be hit by a car or swallow something that could harm him.

Dogs need to spend time with people to learn the rules of the house. This is part of socializing your dog to new situations. With proper training and patience, most dogs can learn to live with house rules.

Myth - By leaving my dog outside, he will be more likely to protect our family from strangers.

The Truth - Dogs that spend time with their owners and have a bond with them are much more likely to protect the family. Dogs that are left outside could become overly protective of the yard and not let friends or family into "his" territory. The dog might become friendly with strangers that provide food or attention to him. A dog that spends little or no time with the family cannot distinguish between family and strangers.

<http://www.nehumanesociety.org>



Pet Health: February is Dental Health Month

Dental Health is not only important for humans, it is also important in dogs. Dogs not only get all their nourishment via their mouths, they also use their mouths like we use our hands. According to one study by the American Veterinary Association.

- Oral disease is the **number one** health problem diagnosed in dogs.
- 85% of dogs two years or older have periodontal disease
- Unhealthy teeth can cut your pet's lifespan by **five years** by spreading infection and disease to vital organs like the heart!

A dental check by your veterinarian during

your pets' yearly exam is key to good health, but there are some things you can do at home too.

- Brushing your pets' teeth, using a pet toothbrush and paste so you don't damage the gums or upset the tummy, is a great way to help remove tarter and buildup.
- Small "finger brushes" or pre treated dental wipes work well with uncooperative cats and dogs.
- Hard chews help scrape plaque and tarter
- Dental chews made from gluten (like Greenies) help remove deposits. The

natural ingredients also help freshen breath.

- Rope toys can help wipe plaque away as your dog chews and plays

Because unchecked dental disease can lead to life threatening problems you need to watch for symptoms like:

- Refusing to eat, and losing weight— bad teeth could be causing pain.
- Bad breath
- Bleeding gums
- Loose teeth

NBCR February Meeting Minutes

NBCR meeting on February 18, 2007 at Club Pet



Treasurer's Report

- Currently: \$4675.83 plus 4 CDs at \$1000 a piece.

Fundraisers: Faith Hutchinson

- We were finally paid for Barktober Fest
- Trivia Night: NBCR with the Heartland Weimaraner Rescue raised over \$825. We will do it again.
- Quilt: Faith made a quilt and is passing it around for people to collect raffle tickets. Drawing: March 17th.
- Butter Bread: Frozen Pastry dough. Karen has the forms.
 - Due date: March 17th, Delivery Date: March 31st at Club Pet
 - The person who sells the MOST Butter Braids will receive a \$20 gift certificate!
- Gift Certificates: Missi - Talk to Jiffy Lube about Gift certificates

Events

- Nebraska Horse Expo: March 9,10 & 11, 2007. 4 more volunteers were needed. Karen has passes.
- Celtic Festival: June 23rd, Location is still to be announced
- Poker Run: September 3rd, Details are to come
- We need to set up PetCo visits again: We will do it in rotations, so that everyone will participate.

Other News

- Most of the paperwork from 2005 & 2006 is lost. These include adoptions, fosters, references, medical histories, home visits, etc.
 - If you have any of these 2005 & 2006 files saved on your computer, can you please email them to laura.jsp@earthlink.net.
 - Once we receive all the paperwork we can, Mike N. volunteer to save them all to a backup CD.
- Election Nominations: President: Karen B: Vice President: Cindy N. & Faith H, Secretary Laura L. and Treasurer: Missy H.
 - Voting is available at the Yahoo Group



\$1 = One ticket / \$5 = Six tickets

Our next meeting will be March 17th, 2007 at Club Pet. 12:30 PM, potluck as usual. Everyone is invited to attend.

Winter Dog Safety: Frostbite

It is false to believe that dogs can withstand cold temperatures because they have fur.

Some large dog breeds are well equipped for the winter months and love to be outdoors, but they can still suffer from cold and frostbite.

Reactions from cold exposure:

- Your pet's fur provides insulation. When your pets' fur is exposed to cold they get goose bumps like you and I. Goose bumps cause the hairs to "stand up erect" trapping the air in the fur. This air is warmed by the body and adds additional insulation.
- Shivering is triggered when the body's core temperature decreases it helps to generate heat and warm you up.
- When the body is gets really cold, the body responds by selecting where it will send warm blood.
- Areas where warm blood is not sent develop frostbite which can result in the loss

tissue and the animal's life may be at risk.

What is Frostbite?

When exposed to extreme freezing temperatures frostbite cause damage and death to the tissues of their extremities like tips of ears, tail, foot pads, legs and male genitalia.

Symptoms:

If your pet has been outdoors and you suspect it may be suffering from frostbite, check for:

- Ice on body and limbs
- Shivering
- Tissues are bright red followed by pale color to black color (death of tissue/sloughing of skin).

First Aid:

- Warm the affected area rapidly with warm water using towels or warmed ice

packs.

- If it is a limb or paw that is frozen, soak it only in a bath or bowl of warm water.
- Dry gently after you have the warmed the area.
- Do not rub or massage the frozen tissue.
- Do not apply snow or ice
- Do not immerse your pet completely in a bath this will cause the body temperature to decrease and cause hypothermia.

Prevent self-trauma

- When the tissues are warmed it may cause some discomfort to your pet. The same also occurs when tissues are dead.
- Wrap your pet in a blanket to prevent self-trauma and keep him or her warm.
- Seek Veterinary care. Secondary infections can sometimes result from gangrene tissues.

www.pets.ca

Never leave a dog out in cold temperatures!
The consequences could cost it its life.